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COMNAVAIRPAC INSTRUCTION 3500.50E/COMNAVAIRLANT INSTRUCTION 3500.66

Subj: TRAINING OF PROSPECTIVE CARRIER AIR WING COMMANDERS

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRLANT/COMNAVAIRPAC AVIATION OFFICER TRAINING TRACK GUIDE
(b) OPNAVINST 3710.7Q

Encl: (1) Prospective Carrier Air Wing Commander Training Syllabus

1. Purpose. To set forth Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet/ Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet policy and guidance regarding the training of Prospective Carrier Air Wing Commanders (PCVW). This is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVAIRPACINST 3500.50D and COMNAVAIRLANTINST 1540.10C

3. Discussion. Carrier Air Wing Commanders must possess the traits of sound judgment, extensive operational experience, and unquestioned credibility as aviators and tacticians. Additionally, they must be completely knowledgeable in the operational capabilities of their air wing assets and the role they play in the mission of the Aircraft Carrier Battle Group (CVBG). The PCVW training period is intended to provide the broadest possible exposure to all facets of naval air warfare and, in particular, the capabilities of all assigned weapons systems. It is intended that this training be intense and diverse so as to optimize the time available and provide substantial background regarding the assets available to PCVWs for the training of their air wings.

4. Policy. Upon initial screening as Deputy Air Wing Commander, PCVWs shall be provided mission training, including day and night carrier qualification, (when feasible) in two air wing aircraft types. The remainder of the training, as described in enclosure (1), will emphasize tactical training and indoctrination in employment of air wing assets. Embarked night flying is limited to two types of aircraft. Shore-based flying in all air wing aircraft types is unrestricted and encouraged. Indoctrination training in those aircraft will normally be deferred until after assuming duties as deputy air wing commander.

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5. Action. The following responsibilities are assigned for the training of prospective air wing commanders:

a. Type Commander Air Wing Programs Officer (N83). Plan, coordinate, and supervise PCVW training. Ensure training program is optimized based on time available and individual PCVW background experience. PCVWs shall report to the Type Commander Air Wing Programs Officer (N83) prior to commencing training for guidance, and shall be provided a training calendar outlining their proposed training schedule. A copy of this schedule shall be provided to each type wing. An officer shall be assigned to assist N83 with coordination of training schedules.

b. Type Wing Commanders. Ensure a formal training curriculum is prepared for all PCVW training to be conducted by units under their cognizance, as indicated in enclosure (1). PCVWs shall report to the Wing Commander at the commencement of training at each functional wing.

c. Fleet Readiness Squadron (FRS) Commanding Officers. Implement a PCVW training program in their respective squadrons, ensuring the syllabus contains the essence of type aircraft mission and weapons system capabilities, limitations, operating procedures, and maintenance problems. Instructors with advanced expertise shall be assigned PCVW training responsibilities for one-on-one sessions, if desired. PCVWs will normally start their syllabus with a scheduled class.

6. Training program

a. Flight training. The PCVW training program consists of approximately three months flight training. The specific syllabus to be followed will vary with the operational background of the individual PCVW, the composition of the air wing, and the available training time.

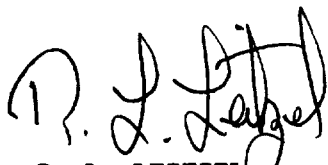
b. Tactical training. The tactical training phase of the PCVW training program is approximately two-and-one-half months in duration, and shall be coordinated through Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) (PERS-433A, PERS-433B) and included in the basic orders of the PCVW. Minimum requirements are contained in reference (a).

c. Miscellaneous training. Per reference (b), instrument qualification, flight physiology, and survival training must be current or refresher completed prior to commencing flight training in any FRS.


7. Training evaluation. Upon completion of training, each PCVW shall arrange for an interview with the Type Command (AIRPAC, AIRLANT) Force Readiness, Plans, and Programs Officer (N8) for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating

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the training received. Of particular value are comments and recommendations regarding proposed improvement to the PCVW training program.



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PROSPECTIVE CARRIER AIR WING COMMANDER TRAINING SYLLABUS

<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u> <u>NOTES</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
JOINT MARITIME TACTICS COURSE	PT LOMA/DAM NECK	3 WEEKS
	1	
SPECWAR GROUP	SAN DIEGO/LITTLE CREEK	1 DAY
	2	
MINEWARCOM	SAN DIEGO/CORPUS	1 DAY
	2	
AEGIS TOUR/BRIEF	SAN DIEGO/NORFOLK	1 DAY
	2	
TOMAHAWK TACTICAL COMMANDERS COURSE	PT LOMA/DAM NECK	3 DAYS
	6	
OVER THE HORIZON TARGETING	PT LOMA/DAM NECK	5 DAYS
	6	
SEA-BASED WARFARE TRAINING SCHOOL	NORTH ISLAND/JACKSONVILLE	7 DAYS
	1	
SSN TOUR/BRIEF	SAN DIEGO/COMSUBLANT	1 DAY
	3, 6	
NSAWC	FALLON NV	3 DAYS
	1	
VX-9 BRIEFS	PT MUGU/CHINA LAKE	1 DAY EACH
	1	
DWEST/SWIM/PHYS/FIRE FIGHTING	FRS LOCATIONS	1 DAY EACH
	1	
FRS (NATOPS/CQ QUALIFIED TWO ACFT)	FRS LOCATIONS	8-10 WEEKS
	1	
INDOC IN OTHER AIR WING ACFT	FRS LOCATIONS	2 DAY/ACFT
	4	
OPNAV INTEL BRIEFS (OP-594D)	WASHINGTON DC	1 WEEKS
	1, 5	
TYPE COMMANDER VISIT	SAN DIEGO/NORFOLK	3 DAYS
	1	
MAWTS WTI COMMANDERS COURSE	YUMA	3 DAYS
	6	
TQL SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR	SAN DIEGO/DAM NECK	4 DAYS
	1	
SAFETY CENTER	NORFOLK	1-2 DAYS
	1	
NOTE 1:	MINIMUM REQUIRED PIPELINE TRAINING	
NOTE 2:	CAN BE SATISFIED BY JMTC	
NOTE 3:	SWATS COORDINATES	

Enclosure (1)

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- NOTE 4: AS TIME/FUNDING PERMIT, NATOPS QUALIFICATION IN ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT
AUTHORIZED
- NOTE 5: INCUMBENT/PROSPECTIVE AIR WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS TO ATTEND
WASHINGTON DC INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS
- NOTE 6: AS SCHEDULE PERMITS.